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Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
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Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 05/11/2024 10:15 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Handcross Newsagents High Street Handcross Haywards Heath West Sussex RH17 6BJ
Proposal:	Proposed replacement of conservatory with extension of living accommodation over two floors, internal alterations and extension of commercial premises at ground floor.
Case Officer:	Anna Tidey

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Customer Details

Address:	Bachelor Buildings Handcross
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Business or other organisation
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	I am writing to formally object to the planning application for the proposed development at Handcross Newsagents, High Street, Handcross, specifically on the grounds of the anticipated impact on local traffic and pedestrian safety. Increased Traffic and Congestion High Street is the only road connecting from one end of the village to the other. The High Street already experiences significant traffic

congestion, particularly during peak hours. The proposed development, which would add residential and commercial space, will undoubtedly lead to a substantial increase in both vehicular traffic and demand for parking. This will worsen existing traffic flow issues, creating additional hazards for pedestrians and cyclists.

Currently, the lack of designated parking spaces for the newsagents results in vehicles often parking on the pavements, blocking safe passage for pedestrians, especially children, the elderly, and those with mobility impairments. The addition of more commercial space, without adequate provisions for parking, will exacerbate these safety concerns, further restricting pedestrian movement and increasing the risk of accidents.

The proposed development, with its likely increase in both vehicular traffic and demand for parking, threatens to compromise the safety of all road users. The street is already narrow, and increasing the number of vehicles-especially with the lack of parking provisions-will force cyclists and pedestrians into dangerous proximity with moving traffic. This is an unacceptable outcome for a village that is home to families, tourists, and regular visitors.

Air and Noise Pollution

The cumulative increase in traffic congestion will also lead to higher levels of air and noise pollution, particularly during busy periods when customers leave their vehicles running while waiting to use the newsagents. This is already a concern, given that the shop attracts many customers during peak school-run hours. The proposed development, which is likely to increase the number of vehicles in the area, will further exacerbate these issues, impacting the health and well-being of residents, especially children.

Lack of Sufficient Parking Provisions

The planning application indicates that three parking spaces will be allocated to the property. However, it is well known that the property currently accommodates four or more vehicles, frequently occupying multiple spaces. There is a real concern that an increase in the residential capacity of the property, coupled with the commercial extension, will result in even greater demand for parking, which simply cannot be met within the confines of High Street. This will inevitably lead to further congestion and unsafe parking practices, placing additional strain on already limited parking resources.

Kind regards